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SIR:

This is a request for filing a ■ Continuation □ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/300,778, filed April 27, 1999, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/805,804, filed February 25, 1997, which has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,920,861.

- Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application as originally filed including the drawings and original Declaration. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/805,804, as originally filed on February 25, 1997.
- 2.

 Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.125.
- 3. Cancel Claims 2-28.
- 4. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u>. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/300,778, filed April 27, 1999, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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